(a) whether it is a fact that the electricity being used in the industrial and commercial sector is charged from the consumers more than the average cost of electricity generation; and

(b) if so, the estimated percentage of over charging the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) As per the annual statement of accounts of the SEBs for the year 1997-98, the average realisation from industrial and commercial sector is more than the average cost of supply. While the average cost of supply during 1997-98 was 227.30 P/KWH, average realisation from industrial and commercial sector was 324.34 P/KWH and 319.54 P/KWH respectively. The estimated percentage of average realisation to cost of supply from industrial and commercial sector thus works out to 142.69% and 140.58% respectively.

Power generation projects under construction

†4061. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :
DR. D. MASTHAN :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to complete those on going power generation projects on priority basis which are being completed five years after their original time schedule;

(b) if so, the names of such projects alongwith the names of the states where these projects are under construction and the reasons for delay in their construction; and

(c) by when these projects are decided to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) to (c) Intensive efforts are being made to complete all on-going power projects including those which have been under implementation for more than five years. The names of such projects alongwith the States where they are located, reasons for delay and expected

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dates of commissioning are indicated in Annex-I. (*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 100).

Construction of power generation projects

†4062. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of power generation projects are under construction in the country;

(b) if so, the number of these projects at the end of December, 1999;

(c) the number of such projects which are running five years behind their original time schedule; and

(d) the generation capacity of these projects together with the amount incurred on their construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 24 on going and TEC cleared thermal power projects of an aggregate capacity of 10962.59 MW and 61 sanctioned hydro-electric power projects with a total capacity of 15124.95 MW were under construction in the country as on 31st December, 1999.

(c) and (d) 3 thermal power projects and 34 hydro-electric power projects under construction have been delayed by five years or more and details alongwith expenditure incurred in respect of these projects are given in Annex. (*See* Appendix 189, Annexure No. 101).

Shortage of Power due to pitiable condition of SEBs

†4063. DR. D. MASTHAN :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the shortage of power in the country is due to the pitiable financial condition of the State Electricity Boards;

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